A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 231, 4256 AND 4291 OF THE CODE OF 1873 AND TO FIX THE NUMBER OF GRAND JURORS, AND PROVIDING FOR TAXING THE COSTS OF INVESTIGATION IN CERTAIN CASES TO THE PERSON INVESTIGATING IT.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- Section 1. That Sections 231, 4256 and 4291 of the Code of 1873 be and the same are hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof.
 - Sec. 2. The number of grand jurors shall be seven, and in counties containing less
- than fifteen thousand inhabitants as shown by the last preceding census, the trial
- 3 jury shall consist of fifteen unless the judges otherwise orders. But in counties con-
- 4 taining a greater number of inhabitants the number of trial jurors shall be twenty-four.
- Sec. 3. At a term of court at which grand jurors are required to appear the panel
- 2 shall be called and the names of the grand jurors who shall appear shall be entered on
- 3 the record. If seven grand jurors do not appear or if the number appearing be reduced
- 4 from any cause either then or afterward to less than seven the court may order the
- 5 sheriff of the county to summon a sufficient number of qualified persons to complete
- 6 the panel.
 - Sec. 4. An indictment cannot be found without the concurrence of five grand jurors
- and when so found it must be endorsed "A true bill" and the endorsement must be
- 3 signed by the foreman of the grand jury.
- SEC. 5. Whenever it shall appear to the grand jury that there was not probable
- 2 cause for believing the accused guilty of any offense presentable by indictment, they
- 3 shall report such fact to the court together with the name of the person at whose
- 4 instance such investigation was had and all the evidence by them taken in such case
- 5 and the court, if satisfied that the person causing such investigation to be had did not
- 6 have probable cause to believe the accused guilty of an indictable offense, shall tax all
- the costs of such investigation and enquiry before the grand jury and before the court
- 8 to said person and execution shall issue therefor.